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The present invention relates to a novel protein, TR17, which is a member of the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptor superfamily. In particular, isolated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding the human TR17. TR17 polypeptides are also provided as anti TR17 antibodies and vectors, host cells and recombinant methods for producing the same. The invention further relates to methods of killing cells using the antibodies of the invention.